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SUBJECT: PUNJAB PROVINCIAL POLITICS IN THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1. YOU MAY HAVE NOTED THAT IN SUDDENLY ENLIVENED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET DEBATE, INITIALLY A LACKLUSTRE AFFAIR IN ABSENCE OF OPPOSITION MEMBERS, PPP MEMBERS IDENTIFIED WITH THE KHAR GROUP APPEAR TO BE MORE VOCIFEROUS THAN OTHER PARTYMEN IN THEIR CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT POLICY AND PRACTICES. THERE IS TALK HERE THAT THIS APPARENT SPREADING OF THE PUNJAB PROVINCIAL PPP RIVALRY TO THE FLOOR OF PARLIAMENT LED THE PRIME MINISTER TO SHORTEN HIS VISIT TO MULTAN BY A DAY AND RETURN TO THE CAPITAL. HE WAS PRESENT IN THE ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY AND IS REPORTEDLY TRYING TO QUIET THINGS DOWN HERE. PRESS HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY TO HIS SPEECH SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUST BEFORE FINMIN'S DEBATE REPLY, AND EXPECTATION HERE IS THAT THIS WILL BE POLITICAL EXERCISE WITH STRONG NO-NONSENSE DOSE FOR FACTIONAL CRITICS.

2. AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT, AND ONE WHICH WE SHOULD WATCH, IS THAT SOME OF THE KHAR PEOPLE ARE

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PLAYING UP THE "DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE PUNJAB"

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